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AMENDMENT TO SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the September 21, 2006 Final Office Action, the period for response to which extends until December 21, 2006, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and reconsider the pending rejection in view of the below response.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2, and

Remarks begin on page 7.